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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EC

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1. PRESENT ECONOMICS MINISTRY VIEW ON AN EC-YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT IS THAT EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WILL "APPROXIMATE" PREFERENTIAL STATUS BUT WILL NOT BE CALLED SUCH, FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT THE POLITICAL ANGLE WILL OVERRIDE THE ECONOMIC CONCERNS IN THIS CASE. SO, IN EFFECT, THE GERMANS ENVISION A "CAMOUFLAGED PREFERENTIAL STATUS", FEELING THE POLITICAL CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF TITO'S AGE, JUSTIFY THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

2. IN TERMS OF GASTARBEITER, YUGOSLAVIA IS INTERESTED IN A GENERAL EC REGULATION GOVERNING THEIR RIGHTS. THE GERMANS CANNOT ACCEPT THIS, AND WILL RESIST ANY SOLUTION THAT DOES NOT LEAVE
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